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X-RAY-TOMOGRAPHIC)	
IMAGING METHOD, AND)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,501,829
- (2) JP 2610438
- (3) JP 7-171142
- (4) JP 11-99146
- (5) GB 2 371 196
- (6) U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0154728
- (7) U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0024601

Copies of Documents (2) to (5) are enclosed. Pursuant to 1276 OG 55, copies of the remaining documents are not enclosed.

Documents (2) and (3) are cited in the specification, and might be pertinent for the reasons noted therein. Documents (3) to (7) were cited in a Search Report for a counterpart European Application, and might be pertinent for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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